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responsible for this? Why should the mistake of a superior official or the department that did not recommend the absorption in time of these people adversely affect them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sure that heart-burning would have died down by this time. It happened four or five years ago and I do not think it is good to reopen the subject now."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Question No. 2115 will be taken up on the 20th instant."

Acquisition of lands for tank improvement

* 2116 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether about 100 acres of patta lands were acquired by the Government in Konoor village in Vriddhachalam taluk for purposes of tank improvement;

(*b*) whether poramboke lands in Konoor and Kosappallam villages were promised to be assigned to the villagers concerned in return for the above lands acquired;

(*c*) whether the promise has since been withdrawn and compensation in cash only is offered instead;

(*d*) if so, the reasons therefor;

(*e*) whether the villagers have represented their unwillingness to take the compensation in cash; and

(*f*) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether there are any pending cases still to be compensated either in cash or by assignment of lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I want notice, Sir."

Renovation of Ramachandra tank in Sulur

* 2117 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the preliminary investigation for the renovation of Ramachandra tank, Sulur, Coimbatore district, has been completed by Irrigation department;

(*b*) whether the scheme has been recommended by the District Planning Board of Government for execution;

(*c*) if so, the estimated cost thereof; and

(*d*) when it is going to be taken up for execution?

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) The answer is in the negative.

" (c) & (d) Do not arise."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும்போது 'இல்லை.' என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் அதற்காக சூப்ரவைஸர்கள் எல்லாம் வந்து சர்வே செய்து எஸ்டிமேட் போட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அப்படியிருந்தும் இம்மாதிரி 'இல்லை' என்று பதில் சொல்வதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? அதைச் செய்யும் உத்தேசம் சர்க்காருக்கு இல்லையா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, my information here is that the Superintending Engineer (Food Production) has reported that the scheme for the renovation of the Ramachandra tank was not actually investigated; only preliminary survey by the Food Production Engineering staff was made which showed that an extent of 87 acres could be irrigated at an estimated cost of about Rs. 1,82,000 and that the scheme would involve the acquisition of the entire tank-bed measuring about 100 acres in extent of costly dry land. The proposal was therefore given up as not being a fit case for investigation."

Extent of lands reserved for Harijans in Wynaad

* 2118 Q.—SRI O. KORAN (on behalf of SRI C. Velukkan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of lands reserved for Harijans in Wynaad, Malabar;

(b) the number of Harijan families so far settled there;

(c) whether any non-Harijans have trespassed on the land reserved for Harijans; and

(d) if so, what action the Government have taken to evict them?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No land has been reserved for Harijans in Wynaad taluk.

" (b) No Harijan families have so far been settled on Government lands.

" (c) & (d) Does not arise."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Since Wynaad is a land of Harijans as it were and lot of Government lands are available, can the Government seriously and immediately consider the question of settling the Harijans on those lands? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There are about 600 families The matter is being considered by the Government, and such steps as may be necessary may be taken as early as possible."